



— State of —  
**North Dakota**  
*Office of the Governor*

**John Hoeven**  
*Governor*

**PROCLAMATION**  
**ARBOR DAY**  
MAY 1, 2009

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is an annual tradition in North Dakota, celebrating the role trees play in our lives and in our future; and

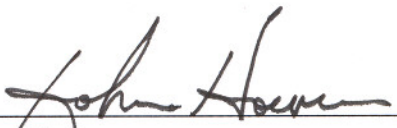
**WHEREAS**, trees make direct and visible contributions to our health, safety and economy by providing clean air and water, wind protection and erosion control, wildlife habitat, recreational opportunities, essential wood products and beauty; and

**WHEREAS**, trees instill community pride and a commitment to conservation, work as living snow fences, mitigate flood threats and increase property values; and

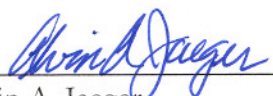
**WHEREAS**, tree planting efforts continue to promote the importance of trees and symbolically represent a commitment to the past, present and future by creating a living legacy; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2009 North Dakota State Arbor Day Program, hosted by the City of Towner, honors Roy Laframboise for his 38 years of dedicated service to the North Dakota Forest Service as the Towner State Nursery Manager, and for his efforts in producing more than 1.2 million high-quality conifer seedlings annually for conservation plantings.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 1, 2009, **ARBOR DAY** in the state of North Dakota.

  
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John Hoeven  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
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Alvin A. Jaeger  
Secretary of State